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# YODA'S SECRET WAR

*It is a time of renewed hope for the Rebel Alliance as heroic rebel soldiers strive to overthrow Imperial efforts throughout the galaxy.*

*Luke is stranded in his X-wing when R2-D2 goes on a solo rescue mission for C-3PO. The rebel pilot has only the old journals of Ben Kenobi to turn to, and has been reading tales from the earlier days of Master Yoda.*

*After a daring rescue, Yoda feels a calling in the Force and follows it to a planet inhabited only by child warriors. Jealous of Yoda's abilities, they send him deep into the heart of a mountain to seek a mysterious power. It is in this mountain he stumbles upon another child, Garro, and together they make a frightening discovery. The mountain is alive....*

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THE HEART  
OF THE MOUNTAIN.  
IT LOOKS LIKE...

...AN ACTUAL  
HEART. I CAN FEEL IT  
BEATING AS IF...



I DON'T  
UNDERSTAND. WHAT DOES  
THIS MEAN?

MR. JEDI?

THE BLUE STONE.  
IT WASN'T JUST ALIVE  
IN THE FORCE.

IT WAS ALIVE.



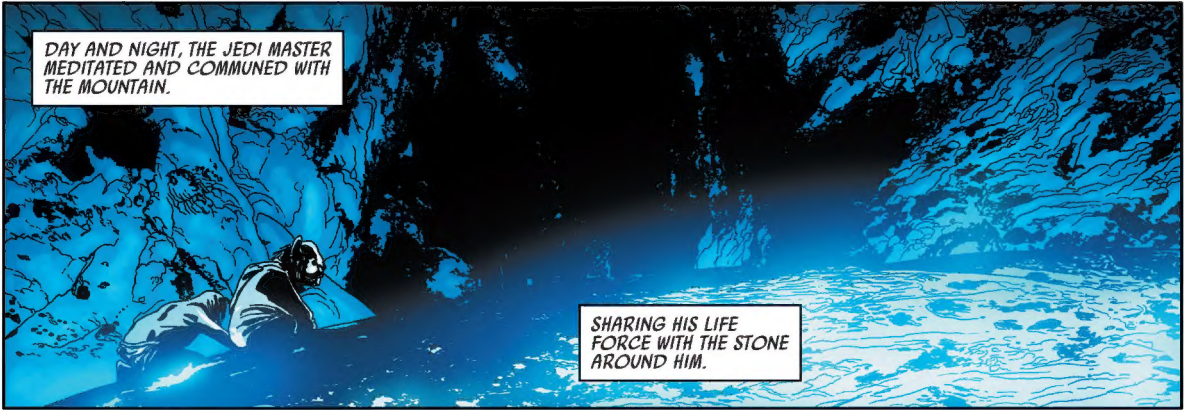
THE STONES WEREN'T PIECES  
OF A MOUNTAIN, BUT OF A  
LIVING CREATURE.



A BARELY LIVING  
CREATURE.


IT MEANS...  
A LIFE TO *SAVE*,  
WE HAVE.



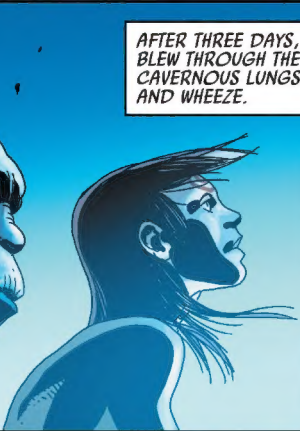


DAY AND NIGHT, THE JEDI MASTER  
MEDITATED AND COMMUNED WITH  
THE MOUNTAIN.

SHARING HIS LIFE  
FORCE WITH THE STONE  
AROUND HIM.

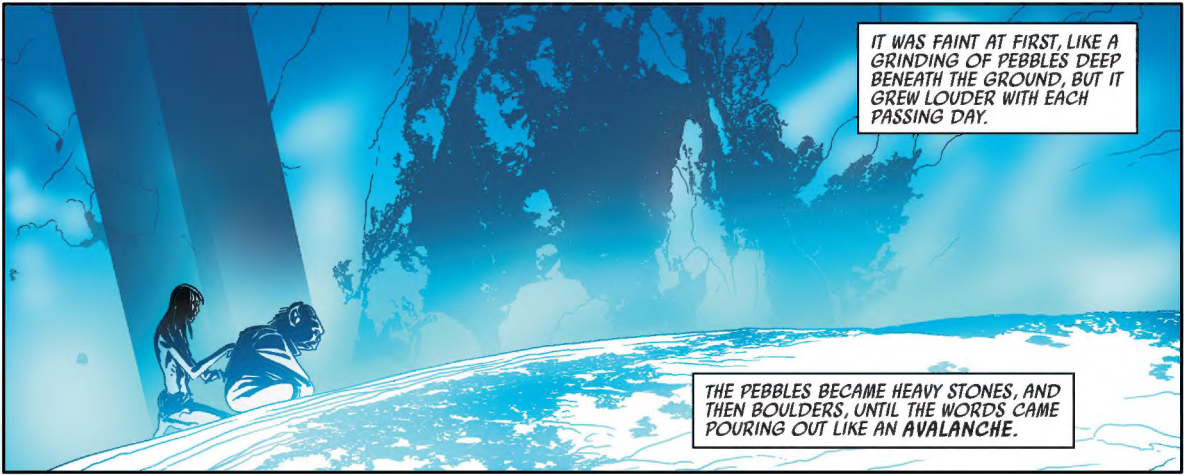


AFTER THREE DAYS, A WARM WIND  
BLEW THROUGH THE CAVES, AS ANCIENT,  
CAVERNOUS LUNGS BEGAN TO HEAVE  
AND WHEEZE.




AFTER FIVE DAYS, THEY  
COULD HEAR LAVA BUBBLING  
IN THE WALLS, LIKE HOT  
BLOOD PUMPING THROUGH  
ARTERIES.

AFTER NINE DAYS, THE  
JEDI MASTER FIRST  
HEARD THE VOICE.



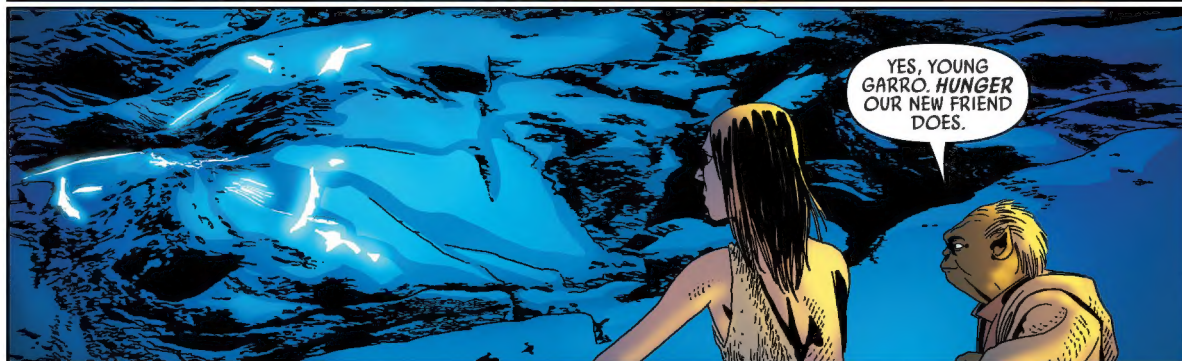
IT WAS FAINT AT FIRST, LIKE A  
GRINDING OF PEBBLES DEEP  
BENEATH THE GROUND, BUT IT  
GREW LOUDER WITH EACH  
PASSING DAY.

THE PEBBLES BECAME HEAVY STONES, AND  
THEN BOULDERS, UNTIL THE WORDS CAME  
POURING OUT LIKE AN AVALANCHE.

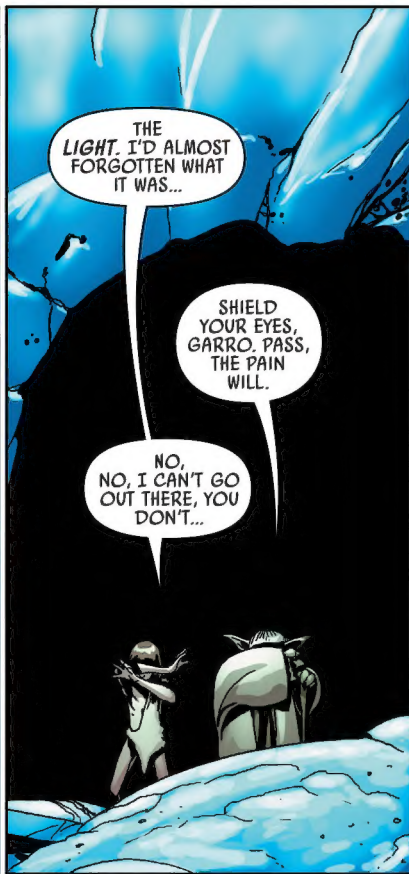


AND ALL THE JEDI  
HAD TO DO WAS  
LISTEN.





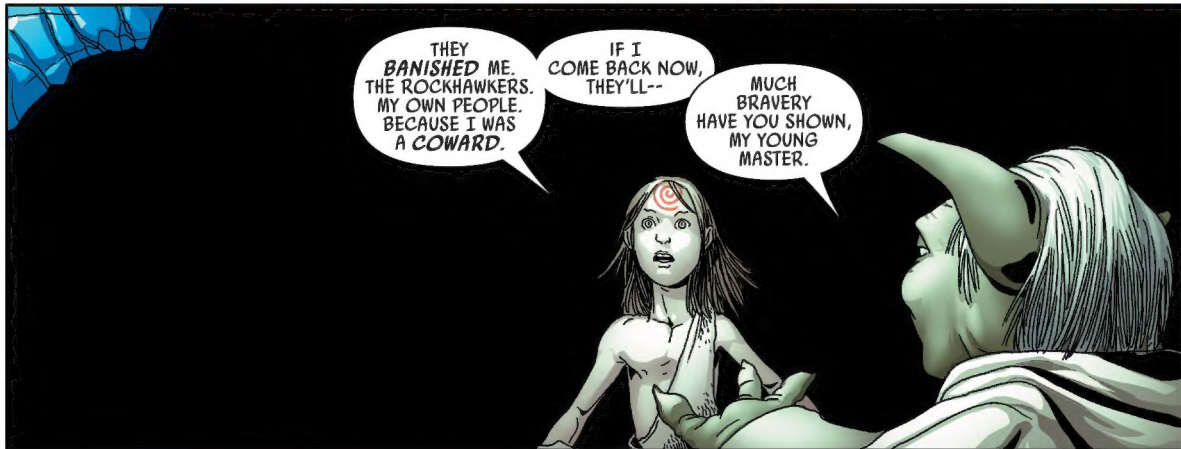




THE  
LIGHT. I'D ALMOST  
FORGOTTEN WHAT  
IT WAS...

SHIELD  
YOUR EYES,  
GARRO. PASS,  
THE PAIN  
WILL.

NO,  
NO, I CAN'T GO  
OUT THERE, YOU  
DON'T...



THEY  
**BANISHED** ME.  
THE ROCKHAWKERS.  
MY OWN PEOPLE.  
BECAUSE I WAS  
A **COWARD**.

IF I  
COME BACK NOW,  
THEY'LL--

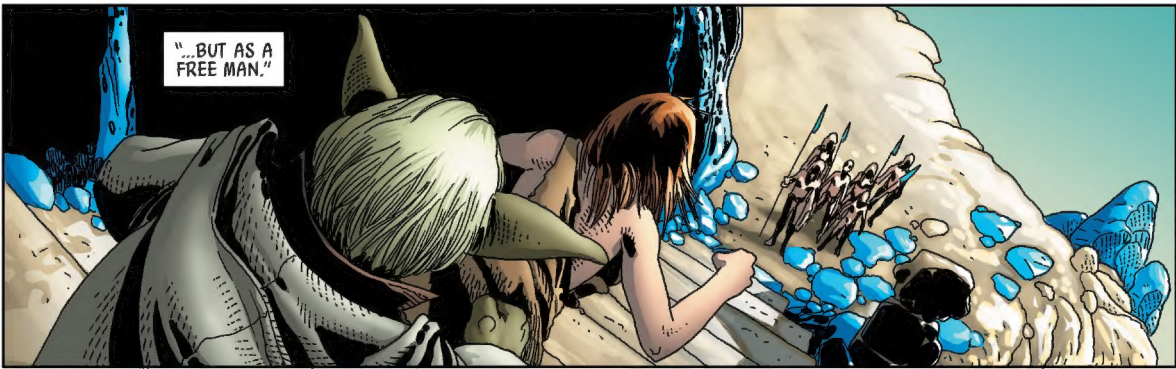
MUCH  
BRAVERY  
HAVE YOU SHOWN,  
MY YOUNG  
MASTER.



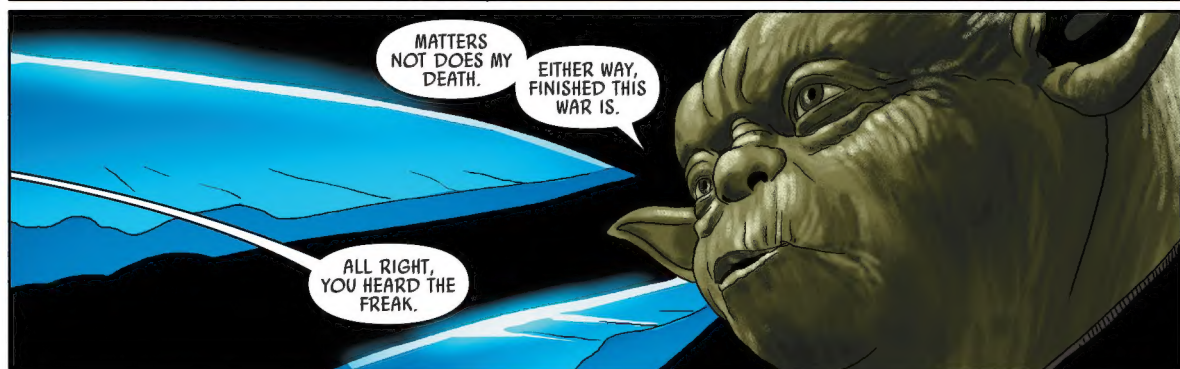
AND  
WISDOM.  
WITHOUT YOU,  
NEVER WOULD I HAVE  
DISCOVERED THE  
MOUNTAIN'S  
SECRET.

MANY LIVES  
HAVE YOU SAVED.  
NOW...TIME IT IS YOU  
RETURN TO YOURS. NOT  
AS A FRIGHTENED  
BOY...

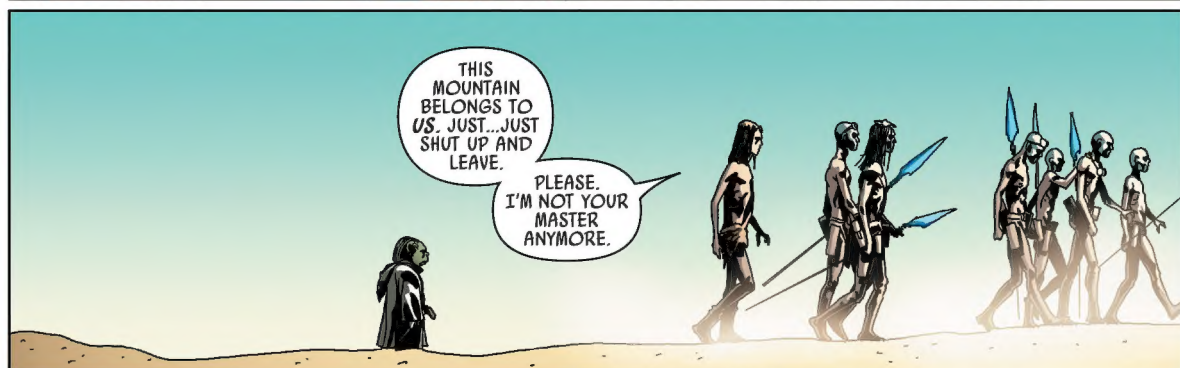
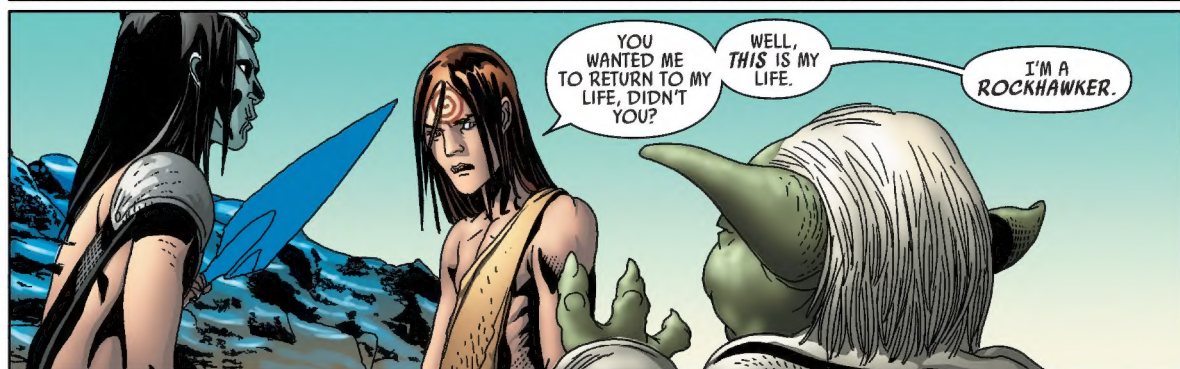




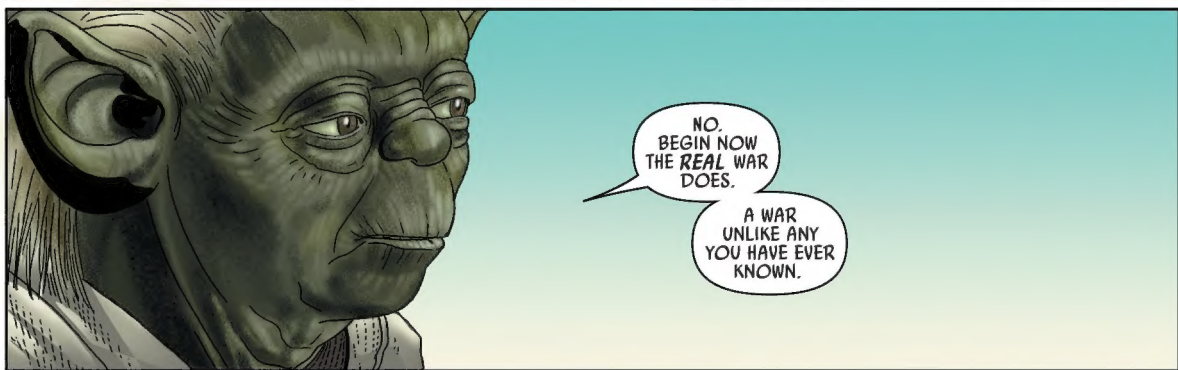
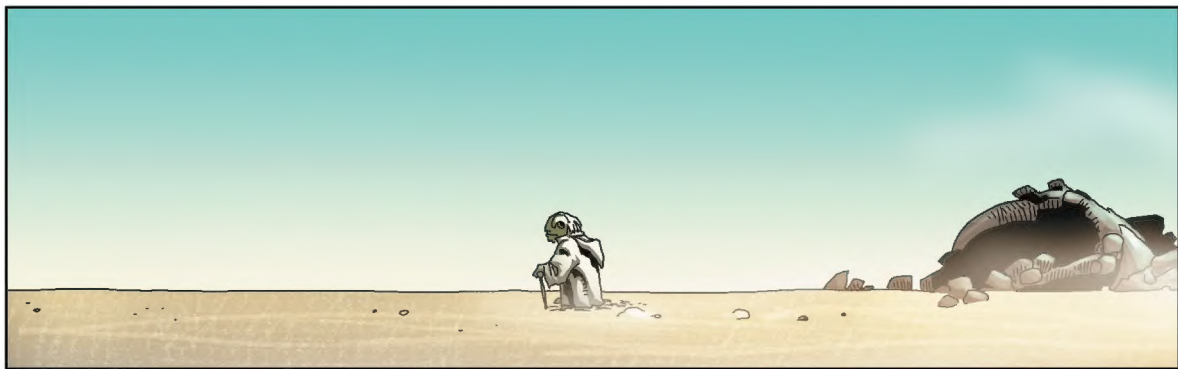




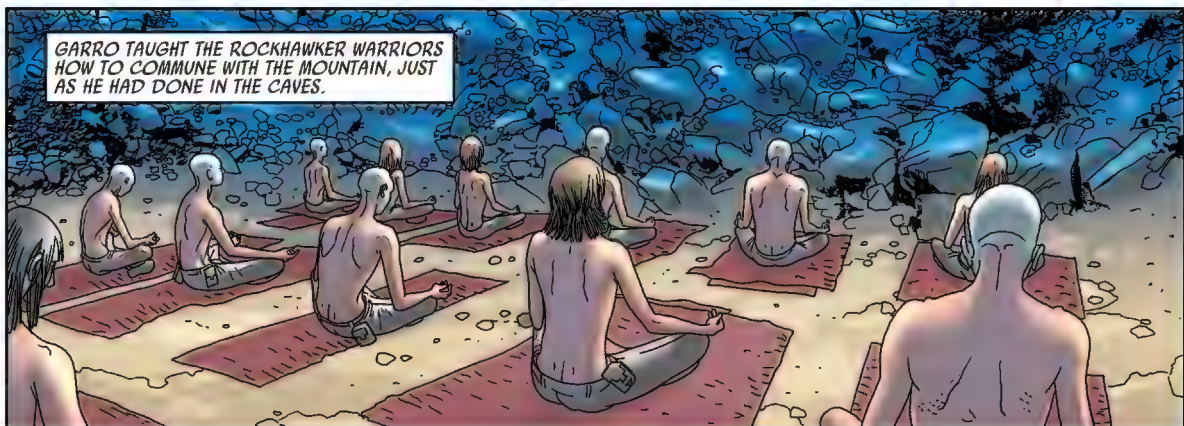




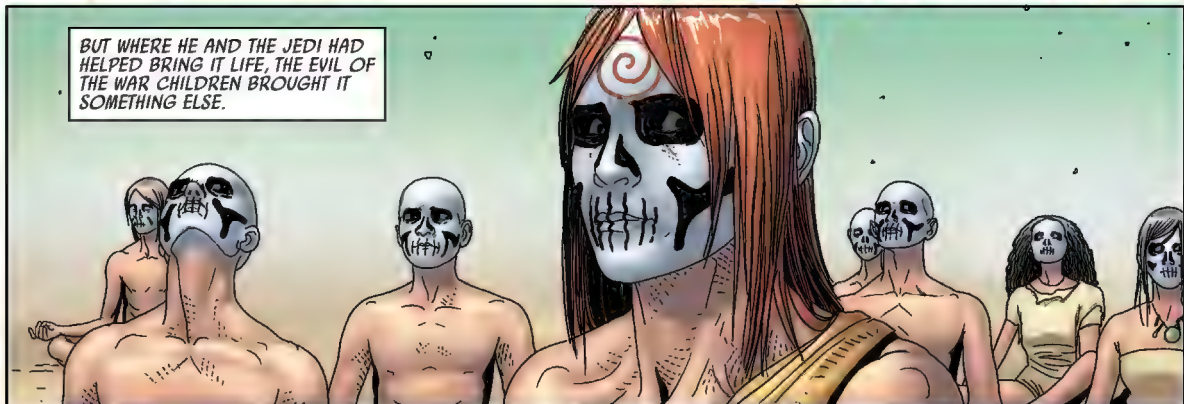




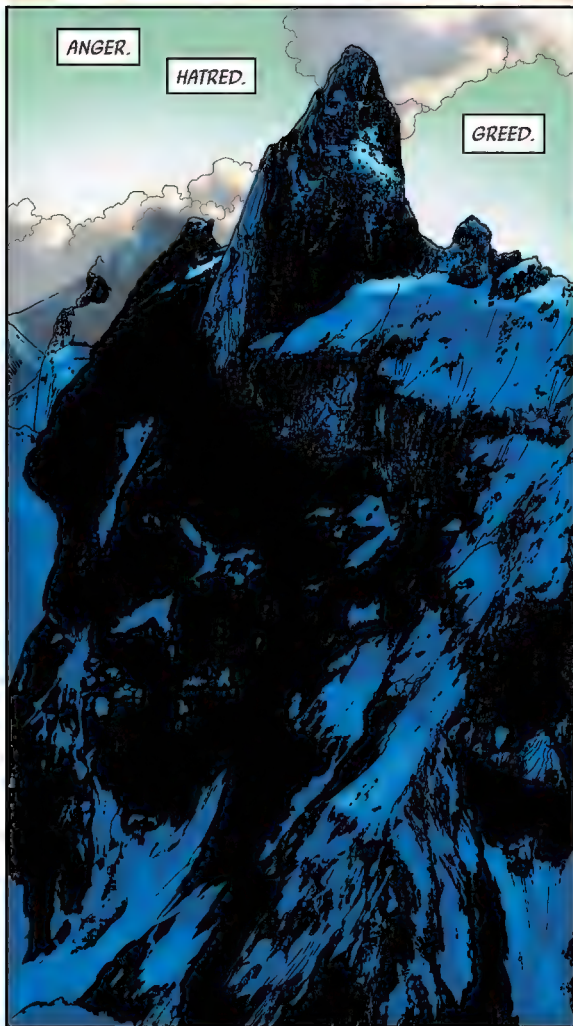




GARRO TAUGHT THE ROCKHAWKER WARRIORS HOW TO COMMUNE WITH THE MOUNTAIN, JUST AS HE HAD DONE IN THE CAVES.



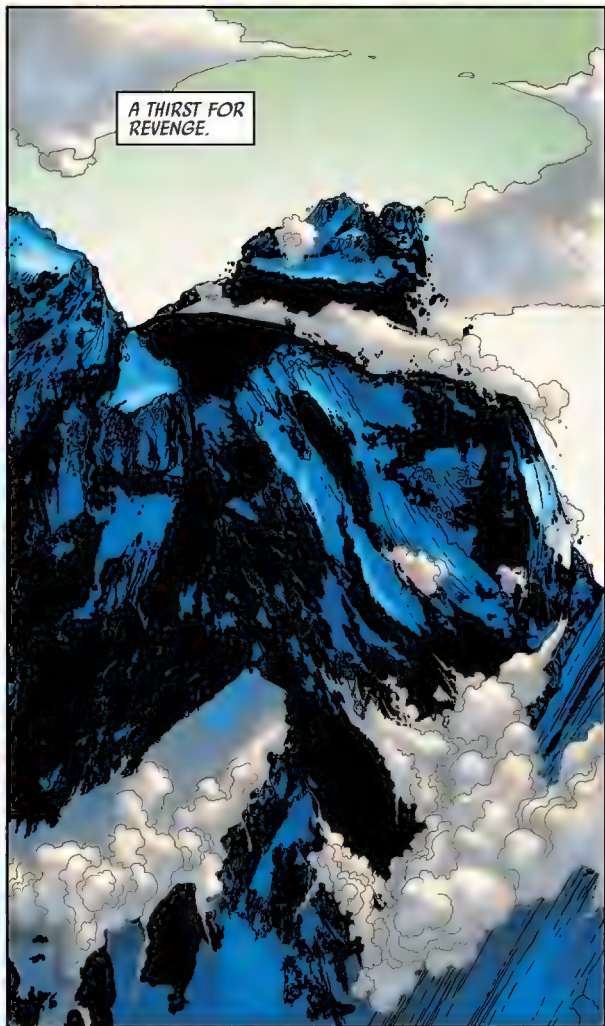
BUT WHERE HE AND THE JEDI HAD HELPED BRING IT LIFE, THE EVIL OF THE WAR CHILDREN BROUGHT IT SOMETHING ELSE.



ANGER.

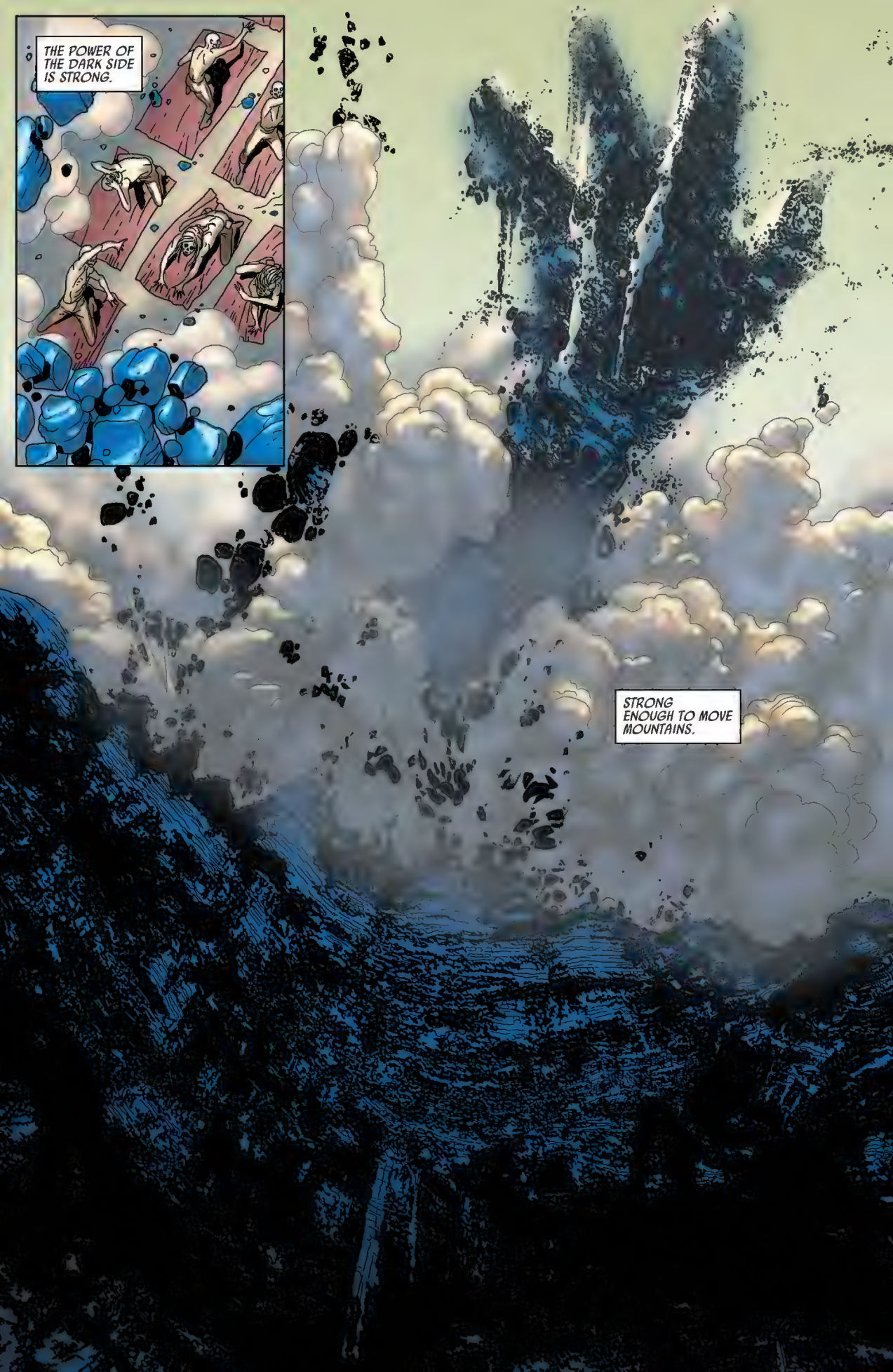
HATRED.

GREED.



A THIRST FOR REVENGE.

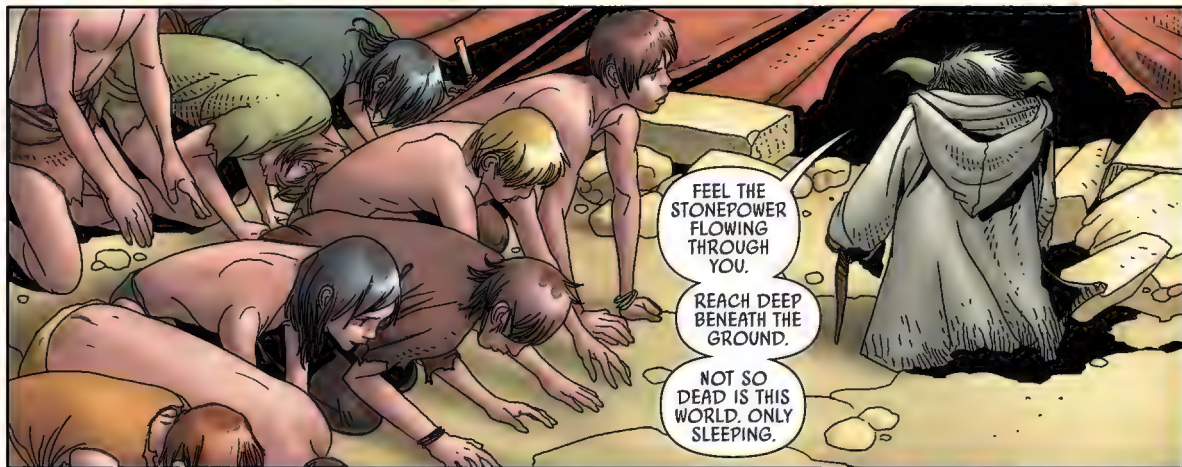




THE POWER OF  
THE DARK SIDE  
IS STRONG.

STRONG  
ENOUGH TO MOVE  
MOUNTAINS.







ONCE AGAIN THE JEDI SET OUT ALONE.  
THOUGH THIS TIME, HE DID NOT  
EXPECT TO RETURN.

THOOM

THE JEDI DID NOT FEAR DEATH.  
BUT NEITHER WAS HE EAGER  
TO EMBRACE IT.

HE FELT THAT THE FORCE  
WAS TELLING HIM THAT HIS  
WORK WAS FAR FROM  
DONE. THAT THIS WOULD  
NOT BE THE LAST WAR  
HE EVER FOUGHT.



THOOM

THOUGH IT WAS DESTINED  
TO BE ONE OF THE  
STRANGEST.

THOOM

A TERRIBLE  
THING THIS IS THAT  
HAS BEEN DONE TO YOU.  
SEE YOUR SUFFERING  
MADE WORSE, I  
WOULD NOT.

FIGHT  
AGAINST THE HATRED  
AND ANGER THAT IS  
CONTROLLING YOU.  
BE NOT A SLAVE  
TO FEAR.





FEAR DOES  
NOT MAKE US  
STRONGER.

FEAR  
ONLY MAKES US  
*SMALL.*





YOU.  
ARE  
LESS.  
THAN  
A BUG.  
TO ME.



THE VOICE BELLOVED  
LIKE A VOLCANO. THE  
JEDI'S EARS WENT  
NUMB.

IN THE  
FORCE, WE ARE  
ALL EQUAL. SACRED  
ALL LIFE IS, EVEN  
BUGS, LIKE  
ME.

WISH  
TO HARM YOU,  
I DO NOT.



BUT  
ALLOWED  
TO PASS...YOU  
SHALL NOT  
BE.

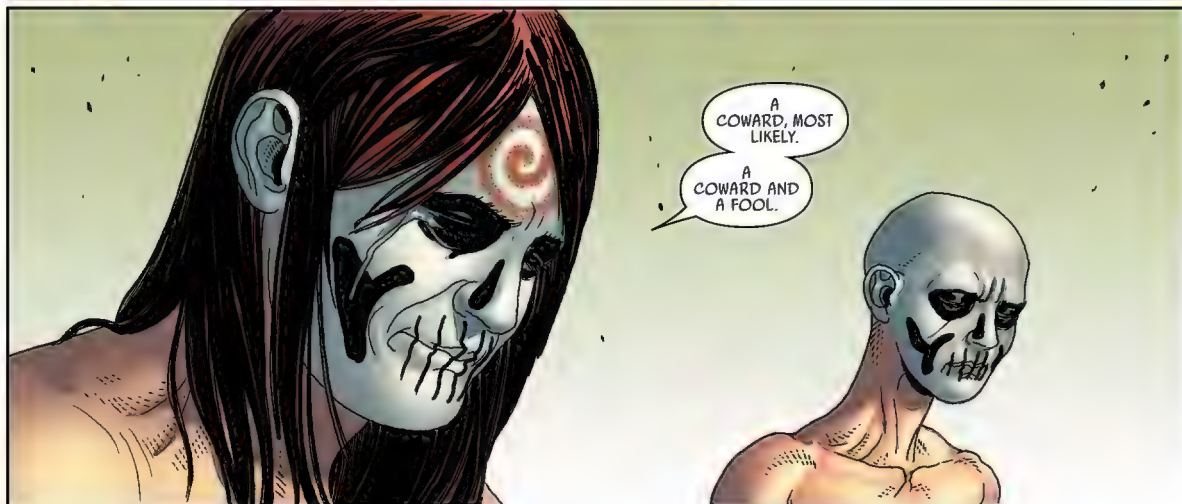
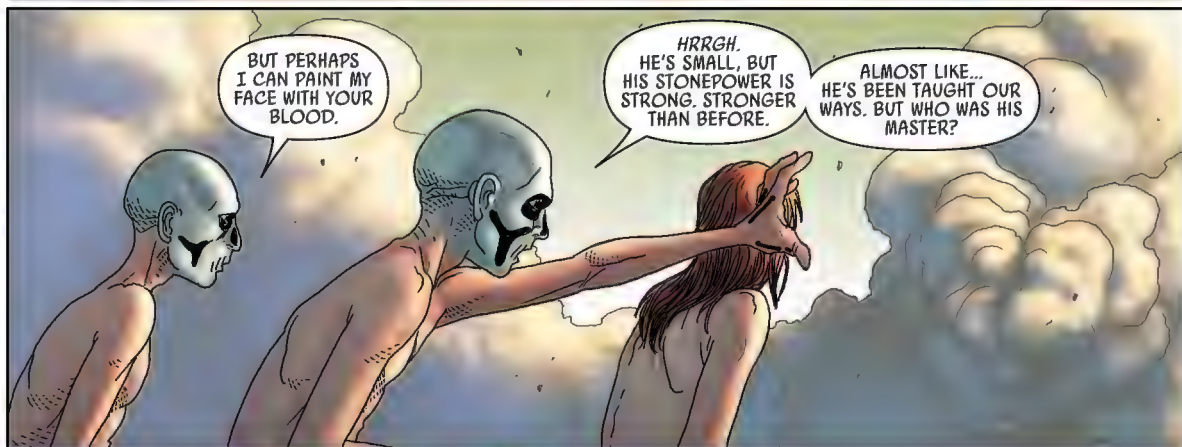
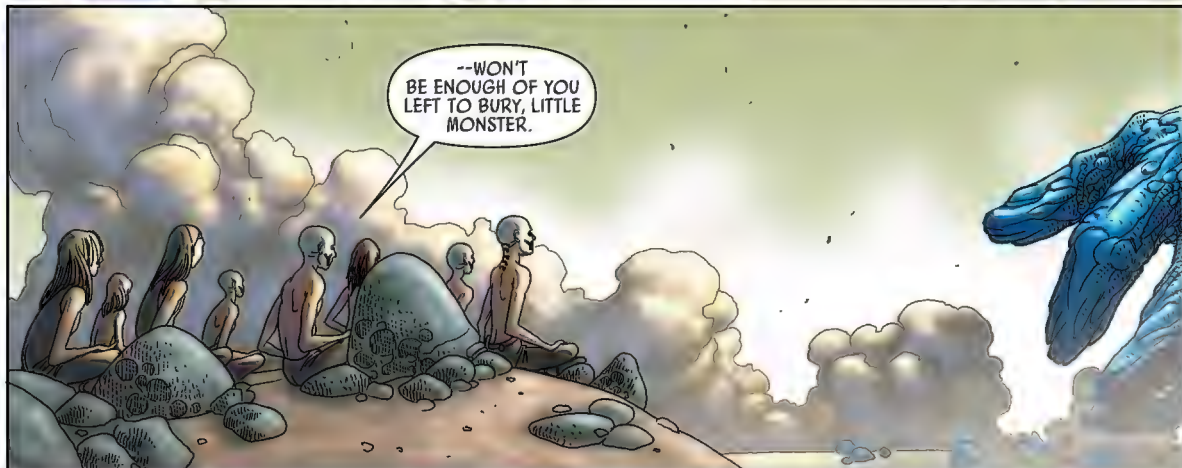


HA.  
HA.  
HA.

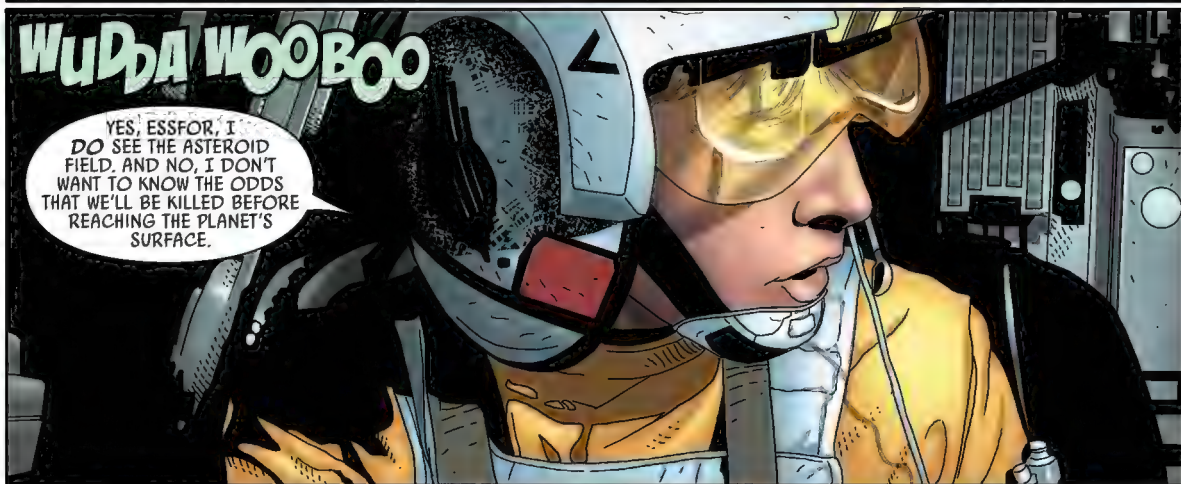
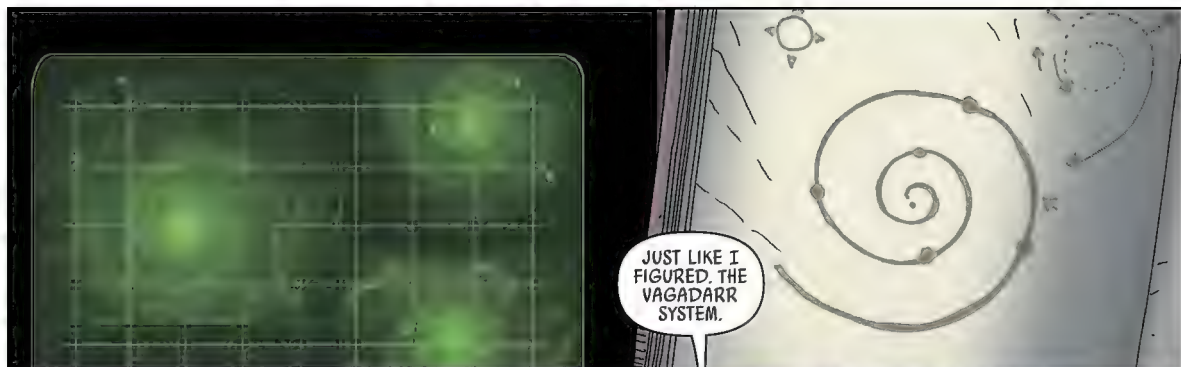
HIS LAUGHTER CRACKED THE  
GROUND AND SHOOK ASTEROIDS  
FROM THEIR ORBIT.

BUT THE JEDI  
DID NOT MOVE.

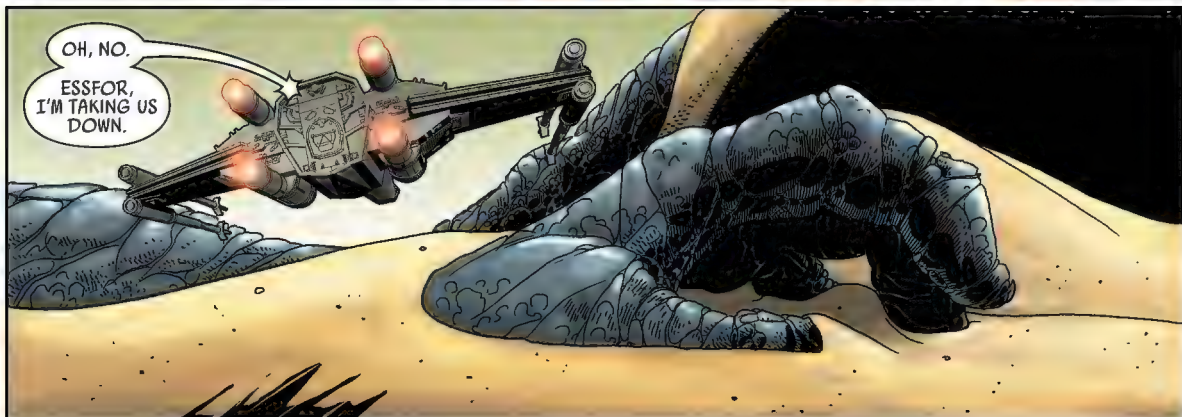
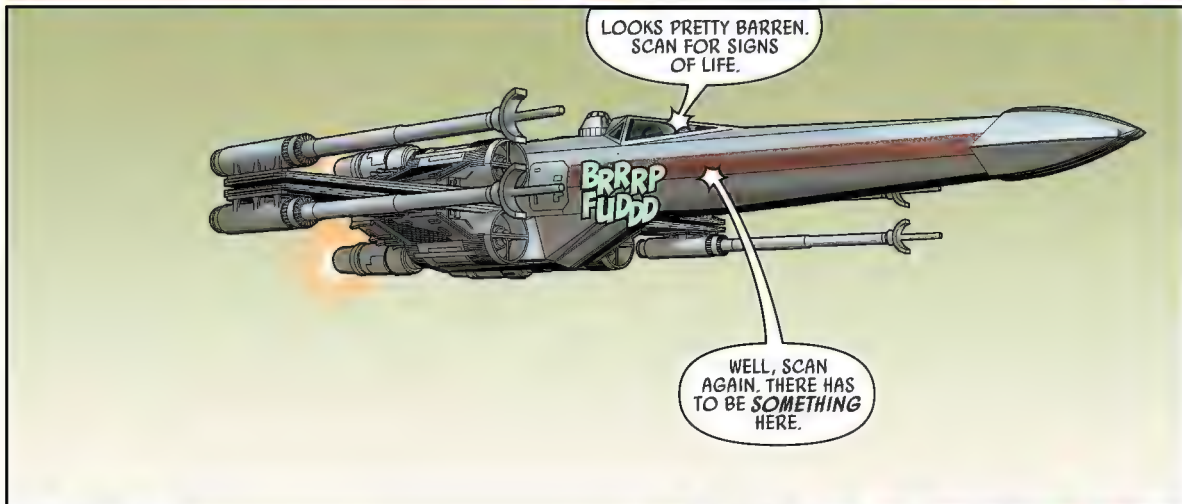
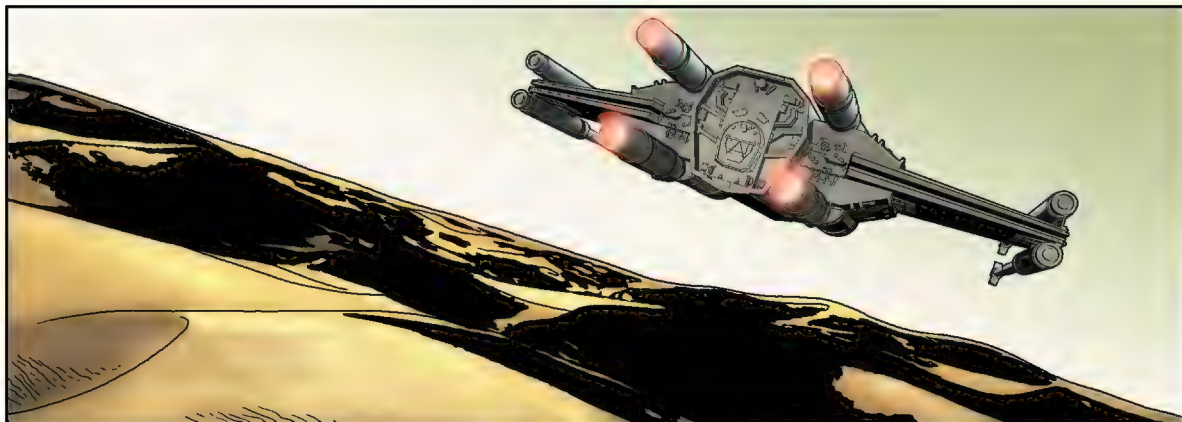












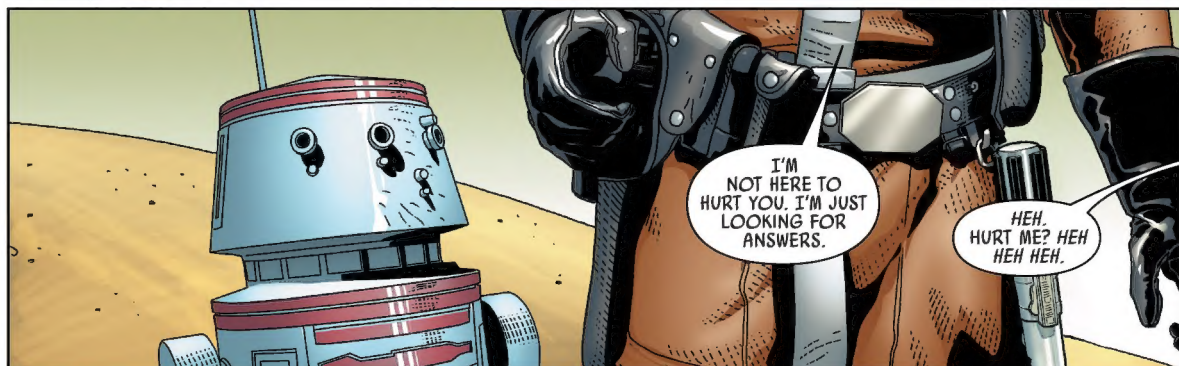




NO,  
THIS CAN'T BE  
RIGHT.

THIS  
CAN'T BE HOW  
IT ENDED.









MY NAME IS  
**GARRO**. THE LAST OF THE  
ROCKHAWKERS.

AND  
YOU'RE  
GOING TO HELP ME  
**FINISH** THIS  
WAR.



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